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SUBJ: COP DIES IN SHOOTOUT WITH MIR

1. LATE EVENING APRIL 2 OFFICER GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ ALCAINO OF INVESTIGATIONS SERVICE (PLAINCLOTHES POLICE) WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED WHEN HE CHANCED UPON GROUP OF PERSONS PAINTING MIR SLOGAN ON WALL IN SLUM AREA OF SAN MIGUEL MUNICIPALITY ON SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF SANTIAGO. SLOGAN WAS "DOWN WITH THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP - MIR"; "EL MERCURIO" CARRIES PHOTOGRAPH OF WALL WITH SLOGAN. APPARENTLY RODRIGUEZ ATTEMPTED TO ARREST WALL PAINTERS AND WAS HIT BY SUBMACHINEGUN BLAST. GROUP APPARENTLY MADE CLEAR GETAWAY. POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES ARE REPORTEDLY IN ACTIVE PURSUIT OF ASSAILANTS. MEANWHILE, RODRIQUEZ WAS GIVEN A HERO'S FUNERAL.

2. COMMENT: INCIDENTS SUCH AS THIS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY RARE. LAST SUCH SHOOTOUTS REPORTED IN PRESS WERE FEB. 19 AND 21. IN ADDITION, THIS IS FIRST TIME WE CAN RECALL IN A LONG TIME THAT DEATH OF A SECURITY AGENT HAS BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED. SUCH INCIDENTS INDICATE THAT MIR ACTIVISTS AND OTHER EXTREMISTS, WHILE SEVERELY DAMAGED BY ACTION OF GOC SECURITY FORCES, STILL RETAIN CAPABILITY
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FOR ISOLATED ACTS OF VIOLENCE. MOREOVER, THESE SHOOTOUTS

SERVE TO CONFIRM TO MILITARY LEADERS NEED FOR MAINTAINING
STRICT SECURITY MEASURES.
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